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If you want to marry your first cousin go to Nebraska. They do anything in Nebraska, from making sugar to running for president.

A bill has been introduced into congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 to erect a monument to the memory of that grand American, James G. Blaine.

One would imagine from the daring holdups and robberies reported from various points in the United States that Frank James had quit the boot and shoe business and returned to his first love, the law.

HALE, who won the six days bicycle race in New York, ate, during his ride, 162 1/2 pounds of food, which cost \$65. No wonder human beings stood so high in the race. That sort of a storage battery could only be rivalled by a locomotive.

If Weyler never has anything else he has a troika in Cuba, and he can dance his grand children on his knee and tell them all about it, if Macao don't keep fooling around and knock the enamel off of it, or cause Weyler to lose the number of his nose.

Mrs. LEASE is quoted as saying that there is no happier place on earth than a Kansas farm. If the lady had made this discovery a few years sooner, she would have saved a good deal of wear and tear on her voice and have been less responsible for great robes of blasphemy which have followed her eventful career.

The battleship TEXAS, has been inspected by Secretary of the Navy Herbert, and he says the ship is good but unlucky. He does not specify what particular sort of a hoodoo has pervaded the dismal atmosphere which has surrounded the unfortunate vessel, nor does he offer any suggestion for removing the unlucky spell.

BORER is in a fever of excitement over his opportunity to extend a welcome to ex-Queen Liliuokalani. The center of gravity of the Borer-Baked Bean has always had a warm spot in its heart for the smoked majesties of the Sandwich Islands, ever since Queen Kapiolani fell in adorable worship of the gilded skin of the sacred codfish in the state house.

There is a whirl of excitement in Washington, D.C. over the receipt, by a Western Union telegraph operator, of a rattlesnake skin necktie. Those people should come to Arizona twice a year. Out here they take two whole snakes, tie their tails together and make a first rate, non-puncturable, pneumatic bicycle tire of them. Yet they want to tell us that the Yackees have a first mortgage on the longevity business.

The New York Mail and Express proposes, in case that Cuba ever becomes a free republic, to head a subscription list for the erection of a monument to Antonio Maceo, the hero and patriot, and present the result to the new republic. If the people of the United States respond as liberally with money as they do, at present, with sympathy, the monument would be a source of great pride to both donor and recipient.

SENATOR VEST compelled the senate to listen to one of his tariff speeches the other day, and it is said that during its delivery the senate chamber seemed to be filled with jumping jacks, which with each other in their antics. The senator's speech was so full of inaccuracies and misquotations that the members of that august body were constantly bobbing up to repudiate his references to their former utterances. Altogether the session was sufficiently lively to chase the god of slumber a long way off from the building.

The Congressional Record is now being supplied to subscribers at the rate of \$1.50 per month. There is no doubt that it is worth the price, if weight is the object sought. The special Christmas number will probably rival the census report in point of interest, and every library should contain a copy. These long winter evenings could not be devoted to a better purpose than reading a few charming Christmas chapters of the Record to the children. How their bright eyes would dance at the recitals of some of the wonderful exploits of the Peppers and the remainder of the interesting fellows who assemble in the halls of congress?

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If the enlistments of American volunteers for service in Cuba continues much longer, at the present rate, the U.S. department of justice will probably issue special instructions to its officers with a view of stopping the augmentation to the Cuban ranks. These enlistments are in direct violation of the neutrality laws and are prohibited under severe penalties. For accepting a commission to serve against Spain, a country with which the United States is now at peace, the penalty prescribed by section 5581, Revised Statutes, is \$2000 fine and three years' imprisonment, while for enlisting to serve against Spain, or hiring any one to enlist, the penalty is almost as heavy, being a maximum of \$1000 fine and three years' imprisonment.

The joint resolution to pay all the employees of the capital two weeks' salary in advance, to enable them to have money for the Christmas holidays, which passed the house several days ago, came over from the senate early in the session and was at once signed by Speaker Reed. This completed it as far as congress was concerned, but in order for it to become effective it was necessary that it should have the signature of the president. Unfortunately for the 500 employees of the capital, the president is now shooting ducks at Georgetown, S.C. In order to secure his signature to the bill it will be necessary to send it to him by special messenger. It is not likely that this will be done. If the bill should reach him it is probable that the president would veto it. About a year ago a rule was adopted in the departments that no employee of the government was to be paid in advance. This action was taken, it was generally supposed, at the instigation of the president. The favor having been refused the department clerks, it is not likely that the president would extend it to the capital employees. Those who have not laid away sufficient for their salaries to purchase Christmas presents will be obliged to do without making them.

One of the most pressing needs of Tucson at present, is a hotel for the so-called health seekers who would like to spend the winter with us. There is no question but a large number of people, who were advised by physicians to come here this winter, have gone to other points for the reason that there were no accommodations here. This point having been well established, it behooves our citizens to make such preparations for the coming season as will remove the cause for the lack of patronage, which, by every natural right should come to us. It is understood that a project is now under way for furnishing just what the city needs in this regard, and it is hoped that the plans may materialize into something tangible.

THE TARTER, Haute, Ind., Gazette says a Russian court has given a decision upon the question of the injurious or beneficial methods of drinking, which is widely quoted. A restaurant keeper in making an application for a license to sell spirits pleaded that it was necessary for his health that a glass of cognac should be taken before a person drank a quantity of beer. A number of eminent chemists and others were called as expert witnesses, among them Prof. G. H. H. of the Wisconsin Hygienic Institute and their testimony persuaded the court to decide that, although a small portion of brandy would have a salutary effect, it would be better that brand should be eaten before a quantity of beer was consumed.

FOR PRESIDENT. In the matter of a presiding officer for the council at the coming session of the territorial legislature, the names of several members-elect have been mentioned. Doubtless there are a number of gentlemen who could fill the position creditably, but it is a matter beyond dispute that Fred G. Hughes, of Pima county, is certainly possessed of those qualifications which render him by far the ablest candidate in the field. His wide experience in legislative bodies, during which time he has developed one of the very best parliamentarians in the territory, is a recommendation which will not be overlooked when the council reaches the consideration of the question as to who shall preside over its deliberations. His ability has been recognized on previous occasions, and in every instance he has proven true to the trust reposed in him.

THE CITIZEN heartily endorses him for the position, firm in the belief that the gavel could not be wielded by worthier hands than those of Hon. Fred G. Hughes.

MANY congregations from pulpit to pulpit, various denominations, listened to the views of their pastor upon the Cuban question, last Sunday. The consensus of opinion abroad is that the recognition of the Cubans as belligerents by the United States, means certain war with Spain. What's the matter? Has all the pie been distributed in Arizona? We don't hear any more talk about the pie-bunters lately. They must all have had a "mortal gorge."

THE corn famine in Mexico is proving a test for corn farmers in the United States who are rapidly growing rich in consequence. The shipments for the past thirty days are the heaviest ever known. CLEVELAND's friends in Washington will live high on ducks killed by him during his trip to South Carolina. There is nothing which is so fattening and satisfying as ducks killed by a real live president.

THE deep-sea harbor commission is busily engaged in taking testimony in Los Angeles. Santa Monica and San Pedro are the competitive points. With C. P. Huntington favoring the former place. It would be difficult, at present, to predict the final out come.

In Brooklyn public school teachers and parents frequently meet to discuss matters relating to the school. This practice has resulted in great good, and should be adopted in every school district in the union.

THE Los Angeles Herald, speaking of the recent irrigation congress at Phoenix, says: The National Irrigation Congress proceedings at Phoenix, Ariz., were given quite extensive dissemination by the Associated Press and other agencies, but two resolutions of importance, which were passed just before the adjournment of the fifth annual convention, were not reported to the country at large. Inasmuch as they briefly summarize the matured views and demands of the congress, the text of them is appended. After adopting a resolution strongly advocating the creation of a national irrigation committee, the congress

Resolved (1), that we favor the cession of the public lands of the nation to the respective states or territories only upon conditions so strict that they shall absolutely insure the settlement of such lands by actual settlers, in small tracts, and prevent their monopoly in large bodies under private ownership.

Resolved (2), that we favor the construction of storage reservoirs by the federal government where necessary to furnish water for the reclamation and actual settlement of the public lands.

MERRY CHRISTMAS. Times have changed. Old customs have passed away and in their place have sprung up new manners and new fashions. The days of yule, hogs, and boar heads, and mistletoe, have for the most part, become memories of a past age, and in their stead, conforming to modern civilization and a complete change of social customs, we have at Christmas time an entirely different program—different in some things, but always the same to the little ones. If the discarded mistletoe is absent, in its place are holly and cedar. The lesson of the day is forever the same. It is emblematic of peace, good will, universal love, and care for the happiness of others, principally the little ones.

The patron saint of the children at Christmas is hoary Old Santa Claus, always appearing to their imagination although he had just emerged from snow banks; his bushy hair and beard white from the ravages of Jack Frost, and his old back crooked with the burden of the gifts he carries for good little boys and girls. Already they hear the jingle of his sleigh bells and the clattering hoofs of his sprightly reindeer in the distance, and tonight many bright little eyes will look out to the god of slumber in a vain effort to remain open long enough to catch a glimpse of the wonderful old man who brings joy to so many hearts. But as the soft lashes close unwillingly together and shut out the realities of earth, sweet dreams come to the innocent hearts, and all the joys of a lifetime pass in lovely panorama before their sleeping vision. How eagerly they jump from their beds before the light of day has fairly dawned! What shrieks of joy make the household a perfect pandemonium! 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